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¶1. In response to Reftel, the Embassy October 15 delivered UN Security Council Resolution 1718-related talking points and non-paper to the Cypriot Foreign Ministry. In a follow-up meeting the following day, Multilateral Affairs Division Chief Sotos Liassides told PolChief that the Republic of Cyprus wholeheartedly backed the strongly-worded message the UN and international community had sent to North Korea. The RoC's own statement, for which Liassides proudly took credit, delivered an equally tough admonition to the outlaw regime. Additionally, EU foreign ministers assembling at the General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC) in Luxembourg were polishing draft conclusions concerning North Korea. Their text would strongly condemn the DPRK's nuclear test and the threats to regional instability it constituted, and call on member states to apply fully UNSCR ¶1718. Liassides stood ready to issue sanctions implementation instructions to all pertinent RoC ministries, once Brussels gave the green light.
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